

RESOLUTION NO. 696

WHEREAS, On June 22, 2007, Kollin Nielson, tragically lost his life due to a drunk driving accident while working on the state Department of Transportation's Interstate 405 Kirkland Project in support of the citizens of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nielson was thirty years old and an employee of Kiewit Pacific Construction Company. He was the Project Engineer over the grading, drainage, and paving work, which included many critical operations such as surveying, erosion control, traffic control, and subcontractor coordination. He was a critical part of the construction team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nielson is survived by his wife, Sara, and his young son, Luke; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nielson grew up on a farm in Eastern Washington, where his parents instilled in him a great work ethic. He was deeply committed to his faith and very active in his church, no matter where his career took him. These virtues were very evident in the way Mr. Nielson lived his life. He worked hard, played hard, and always treated everyone with the utmost respect, dignity, and honesty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Transportation Commission recognizes Kollin Nielson and endorses the community's strong support for this naming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Transportation Commission expresses its appreciation to Kollin Nielson for his contribution to the construction of this bridge, its respect to his surviving family members, and its commitment to raise awareness on drunk driving, by naming the I-405 Bridge over NE 116th Street the "Kollin Nielson Memorial Bridge" in his honor.

ADOPTED this 20th day of October 2009.

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